



TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE

TOWN BULLETIN

JANUARY 2005

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT	no meeting	
PLANNING COMMISSION	February 17	Clemett
TOWN COUNCIL	February 8	Lowry
WABA	February 3	Armbruster

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COUNCIL BUSINESS

Highlights from the January 11th Council meeting include:

- Passage of Ordinance No. 332 amending Ordinance No. 256, which regulates the Water Department. The primary change brought about by this ordinance is in the due date for water bills – water payments are now due by the 25th of the month in which the bill is generated. While this change will have minimal impact on most customers (more than 60% of you pay by the 15th of each month), it will allow the clerk to mail water payments no later than the first of each billing month as required by the previous ordinance as well as this one.
- Adoption of a resolution approving the 2005 Budget and Work Program for ARCH, A Regional Coalition for Housing. ARCH is a leader in helping non-profit groups develop affordable housing on the Eastside and is funded, in part, by contributions from all of the cities and towns that constitute the Greater Eastside. For more information on ARCH and their many success stories, visit www.archhousing.org.

NEWSLETTERS BY EMAIL

Thanks to the 75+ households that have provided email addresses, **we are just about ready to launch a new method of delivering the Town newsletter** and hope to make the switch in the next three months. There are many good reasons for emailing the newsletter, but two of the best are that it saves you, the taxpayer, the cost of postage/delivery and it saves paper and trees. Villagers who do not have email addresses will continue to receive hard copies by mail. In addition, Villagers who request hard

copies can remain on the mailing list, though you will probably see your email copy several days before the “hard copy” arrives. And, of course, if you opt for email delivery only, you can always print a hard copy, should you so desire. If you haven’t yet sent your email address to the Town Clerk, please take a moment to do so by sending a note to townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov; we promise it will remain confidential – not even other newsletter recipients will be able to see it.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next regular Council meeting will be held at 7:30 pm on February 8, 2005 at Chuck Lowry’s house, 10602 SE 29th Street.

NEED TO CONTACT TOWN STAFF?

- Contact **Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens** if you need to speak to someone about **issues before the Council, general Town business, or Water-Department concerns**. You can reach her by email at townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov, by phone at (425) 454-8580, or by regular mail at 10550 SE 27th Street, Beaux Arts, WA 98004.
- Contact **Deputy Clerk Betsy Donworth** if you need information, applications, or other assistance with **permits, variances, or issues before the Planning Commission or Board of Adjustment**. She can be reached by email at bldgdept@beauxarts-wa.gov, by phone at (425) 453-0235, or by regular mail at 10550 SE 27th Street, Beaux Arts, WA 98004.

WABA NEWS

NEW PLANTINGS AT THE BEACH

On December 1, a work party planted the area behind the swim beach and swings, where ivy had been pulled and wood chips spread at the last spring beach clean-up. The two areas that were planted are easy to identify because they are roped off with yellow caution tape to keep people from walking through and damaging the plants. The area looks great (and it will look better in the spring when the deciduous trees leaf out.) Take a look next time you walk on the beach. Kudos to the Villagers who helped with the planting project: Julia Morse, Gordon Roberts, Charlie Ferree, Carol Graham, Ann Bowen, Gerri Armbruster, Jeff Kendal, and Robin Stefan.

WABA 2005 WINTER DINNER

Beaux Arts Spirit of Community It takes a Village.....And Villagers make it happen!

Members of the phone, name tag and decorating committees met with us to develop a theme for the dinner and ideas for incorporating the theme into the evening. Many other ideas came out of the meeting and will be incorporated into our year ahead. We began with a list of activities held throughout the year. Did you see them depicted on cards hanging on a white chain by the west window? Before the screen was pulled down, did you see the 8-foot banner with our theme on it? Did a smile come to your face as you walked into the room because the table decorations lifted your spirits? Did you notice the circle of Villager cutouts holding hands around the greens...casting a shadow against the

bucket? Thank you Carol Graham!!! You and your committee did an outstanding job....Kris Moore, Julia Morse and Bron Richards.

We progressed through the evening talking about Village spirit and concluded with the best event of the night. The slide show!!! Thank you Travis Fullerton for the special choice of music...that rendition of Over The Rainbow makes me cry! Our good thoughts were and are with you. And thank you for all of the pictures from everyone. Then we needed a Master of Ceremonies who could create an atmosphere of fun and humor with since ness of heart. And the person who came to mind who has a heart as soft as a dog's ear and easy sense of humor was John Rose! Now we have all of these things going for us but could not have done it without the professional expertise of **Jeff Elston**. Did you notice the music in the background during dinner? He just looked like the able technician over to the side, but he was the one who put the show together with the music so we could smile and get teary as we watched slide after slide of beauty, water, having fun, working and those children!!! I wish we had pictures of the parents' faces as their children appeared. We had pictures, we chose music, we had a guy who could tell a joke, but without Jeff and his technology it would have been nothing. It was a busman's holiday for Jeff as this is his business (Presentation Rentals – 206-625-0377 – presentationrentals.com). Thank you, Jeff. We all went home feeling blessed to live in such a wonderful community.

Thank you to those we asked to “watch over” our 2004 new residents. They were all there and we enjoyed meeting and welcoming you! Thank you Carolyn Wyman and Carol Buschmann for the beautiful music during our social hour. Thanks Tony D'Alessio for hanging the banner and Bron Richards, Carol and Tom Graham, Bob Durr, Gordon Roberts, Charlie Ferree and new addition to the A-Team Forrest Kulp for setting up and setting the tables. Thanks to Patty Rose and Angela Kulp for name tags and Rae Ann Ferree and Angela for being greeters. Thanks Pam Donoghue, Kimberly Harris Branum, Elizabeth Westburg, Lindsay Elston, Linda Mui, Francine Johnson, Karen Scott, Kathy Bray and Kerry Maherer for calling everyone and organizing our “choices” for the evening. Peggie Bates gave of her time and catering expertise to provide a delicious dinner. Elizabeth Leider and Pam Donoghue were her able assistants. Ryerson Schlitt, Nick DeChant and Max Bates did yeoman work washing all those dishes. Dennis Casey, Aaron Sharp and all who helped clean up. Thanks Pam Lowry and Mary Hickey for washing all those tablecloths.

What a fabulous evening! Our grateful thanks to everyone, Gail and Andrea.